

OLDEST VIRGINIAN.

HE IS PROBABLY JAMES T. CASH,
OF AMHERST COUNTY.

WILL BE NINETY-NINE IN JUNE.

A School Case Decided Against the
State—Governor Tyler and Secre-
tary Lawler Will Go Fishing—Capitol
Notes.

There is now at the Department of Pub-
lic Instruction the affidavit of a man
who is probably beyond question the
oldest in Virginia.

His name is James T. Cash. He resides
at New Market. In his deposition he
states that he was born near his present
home on the 12th of June, 1800. He has
never been outside of Virginia, and rarely
beyond the limits of Amherst county. He
followed the trade of a wheelwright until
six months after Washington died the
old man was born. He has seen the cen-
tury grow from a cipher to ninety-nine,
and promises to see it return to a zero.

He remembers the year of 1812, when the
wilderness and the frontier were at
the very doors of the East, and the far
West was as little known as the Antarctic
continent. Railroads have been built
since he became a man. He was
employed when the first telegraph
wire was strung; he was too old to serve
in the war between the States; he was an
old man when the first submarine cable
was laid; he was decrepit with age when
the telephone and electric lights were
invented. His deposition shows him to be
a full possession of his mental faculties.

The deposition of the old man was taken
in the case of the State Board of Educa-
tion vs. R. Coghill's Administrator. In 1855
Mr. Coghill died in New Market, leaving
a will and no heirs. The estate
should have been escheated to the Com-
monwealth, but it was purchased by
Mr. Coghill. There was no record of
such purchase. Under the law the pro-
ceeds of the estate would have gone to
the literary fund. The State Board of
Education said it was the amount.
The case was just recently decided against
the board, it being barred by one decided
in 1858.

A JOEY FISHING PARTY.

Governor Tyler, Secretary of the Com-
monwealth Lawler, and State-Librarian
Scott will go up to Middleton's Mills, in
Richmond county, to-day on a fishing
excursion.

The party will be a remarkable one in
many ways than one. That it will be dis-
tinguished by the names given above in-
dicates, and that they will have a good time
everybody who knows the party well
assured. But it will be chiefly remark-
able for the reason that the three
members of the party only one has ever
before tackled the funny geniuses of the
river. Governor Tyler is a son of Virginia
who has distinguished himself in war and
peace, and been rewarded with the
highest office within the gift of his people,
but he never before cast his line into the
water. Secretary Lawler was born and
grew to manhood within the sound of
the waves of the Atlantic, and has
tackled and overcome many an obstacle
in political advancement, but he, neither,
has ever sought to catch anything, save
trains and steamboats.

Mr. Scott is an expert fisherman and will
teach the Governor and Secretary in the
art piscatorial. The best joke which the
trip could develop would be the star's
using the undercurrents bringing home
all the fish. For the benefit of the camera
it may be stated that it is under-
stood that the members of the party will
be heartily and wonderfully attired, and
that they will go on foot to the Ches-
apeake and Ohio (James-Piper Division)
station to catch the 10:30 train. They will
return Saturday night. It is probable
that Mr. Hat Tyler will accompany the
party.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Mr. Preston Harrison, of Chicago, a
member of Mayor Carter Harrison, who
was here a few days ago, was at the
capitol yesterday, in company with Col-
onel W. G. Skidmore, to discuss the
purchase of the purchase of one of the
historic plantations on the James, near
Brandon.

Mr. M. H. Coghill, of Chesterfield, and
Mr. Joseph W. Brown, of Winchester,
were at the Auditor's office yesterday.

A CARNIVAL OF SONG.

Old and New Favorites to Be Sung
by Minstrels Next Week.

The minstrel first part, which is to be
one of the features of the entertainment
to be given at the Academy of Music next
Tuesday for the benefit of the Police Be-
nevolent Fund has been designed to il-
lustrate the old and the new schools in
music. The minstrel, who are among
the most prominent vocalists in the
city, will sing some of the old-time
ballads, which, though they are ever
old, are still ever new, while the end-
less song some of the latest songs
that have been published. It is intended
that this part shall be a regular car-
nival of songs that will appeal to the
tastes of the audience as well as to
the popular taste as it is found to exist
to-day. The program is in accordance with
the part in accordance with the latest

CANCER IS DEADLY!

Results Fatally in Nine
Cases Out of Ten—A
Cure Found at Last.

Cancer can not be cured by a surgical
operation, because the disease is a virulent
poison in the blood, circulating throughout the
system, and although the
sore or ulcer—known as the Cancer—may be cut away, the
poison remains in the blood, and promptly breaks out afresh, with
renewed violence.

The wonderful success of S. S. S. in curing obstinate, deep-seated
blood diseases which were considered incurable, induced a few
desponding sufferers to try it for Cancer, after exhausting the skill of
the physicians without a cure. Much to their delight S. S. S. proved
equal to the disease and promptly effected a cure. The glad news
spread rapidly, and it was soon demonstrated
beyond doubt that a cure had at last been
found for deadly Cancer. Evidence has accumu-
lated which is incontrovertible, of which
the following is a specimen:

"Cancer is hereditary in our family, my father, a
sister and an aunt having died from this dreadful
disease. My feelings may be imagined when the hor-
rible disease made its appearance on my side. It was
a malignant Cancer, eating inwardly in such a way as
to cause great alarm. The disease seemed to me and
the skill of the doctors, for their treatment did no good
whatsoever, the Cancer growing worse all the while.
Numerous remedies were used for it, but the Cancer
grew steadily worse, until it seemed that I know how deadly Cancer is, especially
when inherited. I was advised to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.), which, from the
first day, forced out the poison. I continued its use until I had taken eighteen
bottles, when I was cured sound and well, and have had no symptoms of the
dreadful affliction, though many years have elapsed. S. S. S. is the only cure
for Cancer.—Mrs. S. M. IDOL, Winston, N. C.

Our book on Cancer, containing other testimonials and valuable
information, will be sent free to any address by the Swift Specific
Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

A Story of Sterility,
SUFFERING AND RELIEF.

[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM, No. 6, 1898]

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—Two years
ago I began having such dull, heavy
dragging pains in my back, menses
were profuse and painful, and was
troubled with leucorrhoea. I took
patent medicines and consulted a phy-
sician, but received no benefit and
could not become pregnant. Seeing
one of your books, I wrote to you tell-
ing you my troubles and asking for
advice. You answered my letter
promptly and I followed the directions
faithfully, and derived so much benefit
that I cannot praise Lydia E. Pink-
ham's Vegetable Compound enough.
I now find myself pregnant and have
begun its use again. I cannot praise
it enough."—MRS. CORA GILSON, YATES,
MANISTEE, MICH.

"Your Medicine Worked Wonders."

"I had been sick ever since my mar-
riage, seven years ago; have given
birth to four children, and had two
miscarriages. I had falling of womb,
leucorrhoea, pains in back and legs;
dyspepsia and a nervous trembling of
the stomach. Now I have none of these
troubles and can enjoy my life. Your
medicine has worked wonders for me."
—MRS. S. BARNHART, NEW CASTLE,
PA.

THE REBELS ROUTED.

FLOWER OF AGUINALDO'S ARMY
PUT TO FLIGHT.

FORCE LED BY LUNA HIMSELF BEATEN

Men Composing It Break and Run
Before American Fire—Efforts to
Bring the War to an End—
Fears of "Friendlies."

MANILA, April 27.—9:45 P. M.—General
MacArthur's Division crossed the Rio
Grande to-day and advanced on Apalit,
completely routing the flower of the rebel
army. Most of the rebels fled to Apalit
station, where two trains were awaiting
them. They left hurriedly, presumably
for San Fernando.

The towns of San Vicente and Apalit
were simultaneously burned and evacu-
ated by the natives.

Twenty prisoners were captured, in-
cluding a Spaniard.

The American troops also captured a
brass cannon and a quantity of arms
and ammunition, and the same evening they
captured a Maxim gun, on the railroad.

The fighting lasted from noon until 4
o'clock. The American loss is one man
of the Montana regiment killed, and three
officers and six men wounded.

CROSSING THE RIVER.

The enemy was very strongly entrenched
on the river bank, near both sides of
the railroad bridge. General Wheaton
sent Colonel Fungston across, with two
companies of the Twentieth Kansas regim-
ent, a couple of private engineers, the
swirl stream, with a rope, under a gall-
ing fire, for the purpose of guiding the raft.
The men crossed in squads of twenty,
and attacked the left flank of the rebels,
who scuttled like rabbits into covered ways
and trenches. The rest of the regiment
was compelled to cross the bridge in
single file along the stringers. All the
woodwork and much of the ironwork had
been removed. The First Montana Regim-
ent followed the Kansas regiment across
the bridge.

The First Nebraska Regiment, acting
as a reserve, attacked the rebels in three
lines of trenches, driving them out, killing
sixteen and wounding many.

FORCE LED BY LUNA.

In the mean time, a large body of Filip-
inos, estimated at no fewer than 5,000,
led by General Antonio Luna, a black
charger, that was evidently coming to
reinforce the rebels who were engaged
with the Nebraskans, appeared in the
open field about two miles to the left.

Emerging from the jungle, the enemy
formed an open skirmish line, nearly two
miles in length, with very thick reserves
behind. The men advanced at double-
quick until they were about 200 yards
from the American line, when General
Wheaton ordered his troops to fire. The
rebels, who were evidently well armed,
broke and ran in the direction of Maca-
bela. The other Filipinos fled toward
Apalit station.

The heat in the early part of the after-
noon was terrible, and the marching trou-
der-storm, which came later, greatly re-
freshed the Americans.

LAWTON'S MOVEMENTS.

6:30 P. M.—General Lawton's advance
has been remarkably demonstrative of
the energy which characterizes all his un-
dertakings. The late troops forming his col-
umn, reached the river yesterday. To-day
the men were badly played out, as during
the past two days they have dragged
bullock-carts over roadless jungles and
through swamps, cutting their way
miles. They will rest three days, and
then, with Colonel Sumner's command,
consisting of the Oregon and Minnesota
regiments, will resume their march west-
ward, co-operating with General Mac-
Arthur's forces in the present important
enterprise.

The ambulances to-day, with a strong
escort, are bringing General Lawton's
wounded, and a few of those who have
been prostrated by the heat, across the
country to the railroad.

EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE.

A report has gained wide currency
among the volunteers that the govern-
ment intends to ask that there be no
fighting after Calumpit is captured, and
that it is the intention to replace them
at the front with regulars, which are
being brought here on board the trans-
ports. The commission of Filipinos, or-
ganized to mediate between the American
and Aguinaldo, has been sent to the
rebels, after the refusal of the latter to
receive the Spanish commissioners, who
were bearing a white flag. The commis-
sioners, after consulting with the Ameri-
can Government, have proposed to Agu-
inaldo that while no terms except un-
conditional surrender can be offered after
the lengths to which the war has been
carried, they can assure the rebels that
they will be treated according to the
American traditions of leniency toward
the conquered, and that there will be no
punishment or confiscation of property if
they lay down their arms.

The leaders of the commission told
United States Consul Williams that they
would go if he would accompany them,
believing the rebels trusted Mr. Williams.
The latter, however, refused, having no
authority in the matter. He said: "I do
not believe the Filipinos would harm me,
but they will detain me for months."

FEAR OF "FRIENDLIES."

The American commission is hampered
in its work of enlisting the support of
friendly Filipinos by the fear, expressed
by many of them, that the anti-expan-
sionists may obtain control of the Ameri-
can Government, and cause the with-
drawal of the American troops from the
Philippine Islands, thus, they claim, leav-
ing the natives who have assisted the
Americans to the mercy of Aguinaldo's
followers. Under these circumstances,
the result of being identified with the Ameri-
can regime.

GREAT ATTENDANCE.

ONE THOUSAND DELEGATES EX-
PECTED AT THE CONFERENCE.

RAILROADS MAKE REDUCED RATES.

Tickets Good Four Days—The Flood
of Letters at Headquarters Con-
tinues—Demand for Literature—
Situation in Various Counties.

Mr. Claggett B. Jones assumed charge
of the senatorial conference bureau yes-
terday, after spending several days at his
home, in King and Queen.

"When I came to Richmond to take
charge of the bureau two weeks ago,"
said Mr. Jones, "the information which
I had led me to believe that there would
be 500 delegates at the conference.

"Since coming back here, however, I
have gone over the situation fully, ex-
amining letters recently received, and
making use of other sources of infor-
mation. The result is that I am not afraid
to predict that there will be 1,000 dele-
gates at the conference. That is a per-
fectly safe estimate. There is more like-
ly to be a larger than a less number.

"My information leads me to believe
that the First, Second, Third, and Fourth
districts will send 600 delegates. The other
six districts will send 400. The latter is a
very conservative estimate. The Eighth
District will have a very full delegation.
Of course, the delegation from the Ninth
and Tenth districts will be smaller, these
districts being so much further from
Richmond."

CONTINUED FLOOD OF LETTERS.

The letters continue to pour in rapidly.
There is a great demand for literature
on the subject of the popular election of
senators. The fact is that there is not
much material in permanent form on this
subject. Nearly all the leading papers of
the country have within the past few
years advocated the necessary constitu-
tional changes, but such editorial utter-
ances are not now obtainable.

A gentleman from the South-west
yesterday that the farmers of his county
were eagerly reading the editorial col-
umns of the Dispatch these days, and
that as a result a strong sentiment in
favor of the popular election of senators
was being developed.

THE TENTH DISTRICT.

Mr. William A. Anderson promised at
the bureau before leaving for his home
in Lexington Wednesday that every coun-
ty in the Tenth District should be well
represented. There seems to be no doubt
of his making good his promise, judging
from the reports received at headquar-
ters. Rockbridge and Augusta will send
probably larger delegations than any
other counties in the State.

Hon. Arch E. Wright, of Bath coun-
ty, one of the most popular members
of the House of Delegates, has been heard
from. He wrote to the bureau yesterday
that he was advocating the conference
movement among his people, and that he
would bring down a full delegation May
10th.

The railroads have all made reduced
rates to delegates attending the confer-
ence. This will tend to swell the dele-
gation. Good rates will be given to dele-
gates from the 9th and 10th,
and returning, good until the 13th.

MIDDLESEX DELEGATION.

Great Interest Expressed in the May
Conference.

STORMONT, VA., April 27.—(Special.)—
The May conference was the all-impor-
tant thing discussed on the court gess-
today. Mr. W. S. Christian, Judge A. B.
Evans, W. W. Woodward, Robert Mc-
Candlish, Dr. B. B. Dutton, Dr. William
Shackford, Captain D. M. Nelson, J. R.
Sekar, Jr., William H. Lawson, R. L.
Blake, John Hardy, J. W. Hurley, W. T.
Richardson, T. B. Evans, and Walter H.
Island are among the prominent Demo-
crats selected to attend the May meet-
ing. All expressed their determination to
go.

LESS PAVING AND BETTER WATER

This is What Professor J. R. Hunter
Recommends to the City.

Professor J. Rufus Hunter delivered the
last in the series of public lectures by
professors at Richmond College last
night. These lectures have been attended
from the beginning by large crowds.
The lecture last night was of more than or-
dinary interest. Professor Hunter called
attention to some of the evidences of
extensive water supply among the an-
cients. He spoke also of the fact that
the fact that there isn't a govern-
ment in the bunch but what we can con-
sistently recommend for good service,
whilst very many of them have every ap-
pearance of suits that command from 50
to 75 per cent. more in price at other
places, and at that they are made not so
good nor at anything like as well as
these famous Four Ninety-Five Men's
Suits on sale at this store this season.

INFLAMED PROSTATE CURED.

Difficult and Dangerous Malady Cured
by a New Method.

A Police Captain Tries the Method With
Wonderful Success.

Prostatic troubles are simple in the beginning
and easily remedied; chronic prostatic dis-
eases can be cured, even in the worst stages,
without pain. There is only one remedy that
will do it—Solvent-Alternans.

THE MASTER STROKE OF GENUINE
BARGAIN WITH PROBABLY
PROVED BY THE CHARACTER AND MAKE-UP
OF THESE FOUR NINETY-FIVE MEN'S SUITS.
There isn't a poor design nor an unde-
sirable suit in the entire lot. Notwith-
standing the heavy business transacted
in this line within the past two weeks,
the sizes are kept intact, and the assortment
to-day is greater than ever. Never lose
sight of the fact that these aren't a gar-
ment in the bunch but what we can con-
sistently recommend for good service,
whilst very many of them have every ap-
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to 75 per cent. more in price at other
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BEYOND QUESTION THE BIGGEST
AGGREGATION OF CHOICE STYLES
IN Men's Spring and Summer Suits,
of dependable, first-class materials, ever
shown under any one roof in Richmond
can be seen in the Seven Twenty-Five
range. The tailoring possibilities in con-
nection with style and general accuracy
is far beyond the scope of dealers that
handle ordinary ready-made clothing. The
cheapness of prices ought not to stand in
their way. We tell you now—as we have
said before—these suits are choice, reli-
able, well made, and represent intrinsi-
cally all of the money worth that nine and
a quarter can ever buy in a legitimate
way. Suits to suit all shapes, all desirable
kinds, suits of all sorts, of regular and
irregular forms. A perfect fit guaranteed.
Seven and a quarter will do for you what
a five-dollar suit would do for another
man. You can't get better value for your
money, and satisfactorily.

HUNDREDS OF WELL-DRESSED
MEN ARE PARADING THE STREETS
OF RICHMOND, and tens of hundreds
that are moving in the busy walks of life
in the neighboring towns, that contribute
to the Big Store's big trade, are wearing
these Nine Twenty-Five Dress and Busi-
ness Suits, with equally as much satisfac-
tion as the suits that hitherto have been
much more expensive. The fact of the
matter is simply this—Nine Twenty-Five
captures here a type of materials
made up with far better tailoring
improvement than what I have ever
done before, and the best proof of
appreciation of the worth and value of
the suits is practically illustrated by the
great sales that are made in this particu-
lar grade. If you have in view buying a
New Spring Suit, the Nine Twenty-Five
line here will certainly give you sufficient
importance to command
your careful considera-
tion.

STYLISH SPRING SUITS,
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